

To whom it may concern:

Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. owns or operates 173 TV stations in 81 markets and is the single largest provider of local TV news. Tribune Media Co. owns 42 TV stations in 33 markets, as well as WGN America cable net, digital multicast network Antenna TV and WGN Radio. Sinclair and Tribune's attempted merger will place the combined entity substantially over the national ownership cap, even under their latest proposal. The FCC should not allow it to get larger.

I oppose the merger between Sinclair and Tribune because democracy functions best when there is diverse and independent local journalism. Sinclair has repeatedly proven its business model of forcing its local stations to air must-run segments that regurgitate talking points poses a major threat to democracy. If media monopolists get their way, there are fewer choices (or none at all) about where to get the news – and fewer voices will be heard in the conversation.

This runaway media consolidation takes power out of communities -- where it should be -- and puts it in the hands of a few corporate executives. I am vehemently opposed to this merger and urge you to put a stop to this undemocratic media consolidation.

Thank you for your consideration.